

II. AMENDMENT

A. Claims

Please replace all of the pending claims in the application with the following complete set of claims, canceling claims 1-36 and 82-84.

1-36. (Canceled)

37. (Currently Amended) A power tool comprising:

a spindle for supporting a tool element;

a body defining a longitudinal pivot axis and housing a motor and a drive mechanism

driven by the motor, the drive mechanism selectively driving the spindle, the body having a forward end supporting the spindle and a rearward end; and

a grip engageable by a hand of an operator, the grip being connected to the rearward end of the body for pivoting movement relative to the body about the pivot axis, the grip having a first end and a second end and defining a grip axis extending between the first end and the second end, the grip axis being oriented at an angle of between thirty degrees and ninety degrees relative to the pivot axis, wherein the power tool is a reciprocating saw.

38. (Previously presented) The power tool of claim 37, wherein the grip axis is oriented at a substantially perpendicular angle relative to the pivot axis.

39. (Previously presented) The power tool as claimed in claim 37, further comprising a locking assembly for locking the grip in a pivoted position relative to the body.

40. (Previously presented) The power tool as claimed in claim 39, wherein the locking assembly includes a recess defined by one of the body and the grip and a projection defined by an other of the body and the grip, the projection being engageable in the recess to lock the grip in a pivoted position relative to the body.

41. (Previously presented) The power tool as claimed in claim 40, wherein the locking assembly includes a first recess and a second recess defined by the one of the body and the grip, and wherein the projection is selectively engageable in the first recess to lock the grip in a first pivoted position relative to the body and in the second recess to lock the grip in a second pivoted position relative to the body.

42. (Previously presented) The power tool as claimed in claim 37, wherein the grip is a D-shaped handle.

43. (Previously presented) The power tool as claimed in claim 37, further comprising a switch assembly operable to electrically connect the motor to a power source, at least a portion of the switch assembly being supported on the grip for pivoting movement about the pivot axis with the grip.

44. (Previously presented) The power tool as claimed in claim 43, further comprising a wiring arrangement electrically connecting the switch assembly to the motor and accommodating pivoting movement of the switch assembly with the grip about the pivot axis and relative to the motor.

45. (Previously presented) The power tool as claimed in claim 37, further comprising a grip portion provided by the body and engageable by an other hand of the operator, the grip portion being substantially parallel to the pivot axis.

46. (Previously presented) The power tool as claimed in claim 37, wherein a radial annular projection extends circumferentially around at least a portion of a circumference of one of the rearward end of the body and the grip, wherein another of the rearward end of the body and the grip define a radial annular groove extending circumferentially around at least a portion of a circumference of the other of the rearward end of the body and the grip, the annular projection being engaged with and travelling in the annular groove during pivoting movement of the grip about the pivot axis.

47. (Previously presented) The power tool as claimed in claim 37, further comprising a pivot-limiting assembly for limiting pivoting movement of the grip relative to the body from a first pivoted position beyond a second pivoted position.

48. (Currently Amended) A reciprocating saw comprising:

a reciprocatable spindle for supporting a saw blade for reciprocating sawing movement;

a body defining a pivot axis and housing a motor and a drive mechanism driven by the motor, the drive mechanism selectively driving the spindle, the body having a forward end supporting the spindle and a rearward end the pivot axis extending between the forward and the rearward end; and

a grip engageable by a hand of an operator, the grip being connected to the rearward end of the body for pivoting movement relative to the body about the pivot axis.

49. (Previously presented) The reciprocating saw of claim 48, wherein the grip has a first end and a second end and defines a grip axis extending between the first end and the second end, and wherein the grip axis is oriented at a non-parallel angle relative to the pivot axis.

50. (Previously presented) The reciprocating saw of claim 49, wherein the pivot axis and the grip axis define an angle of between thirty degrees and ninety degrees.

51. (Previously presented) The reciprocating saw of claim 49, wherein the grip axis is oriented at a substantially perpendicular angle relative to the pivot axis.

52. (Previously presented) The reciprocating saw as claimed in claim 48, further comprising a locking assembly for locking the grip in a pivoted position relative to the body.

53. (Previously presented) The reciprocating saw as claimed in claim 48, wherein the grip is a D-shaped handle.

54. (Previously presented) A reciprocating saw comprising:

a reciprocatable spindle for supporting a saw blade for reciprocating sawing movement;

a body defining a longitudinal pivot axis and housing a motor and a drive mechanism

driven by the motor, the drive mechanism selectively driving the spindle, the body

having a forward end supporting the spindle and a rearward end; and

a D-shaped handle engageable by a hand of an operator, the D-shaped handle being

connected to the rearward end of the body for pivoting movement relative to the

body about the pivot axis.

55. (Previously presented) The reciprocating saw as claimed in claim 54, wherein the handle axis is oriented at a substantially perpendicular angle relative to the pivot axis.

56. (Previously presented) The reciprocating saw as claimed in claim 54, further comprising a locking assembly for locking the handle in a pivoted position relative to the body.

57. (Previously presented) The reciprocating saw as claimed in claim 56, wherein the locking assembly includes a recess defined by one of the body and the handle and a projection defined by another of the body and the handle, the projection being engageable in the recess to lock the handle in a pivoted position relative to the body.

58. (Previously presented) The reciprocating saw as claimed in claim 57, wherein the locking assembly includes a first recess and a second recess defined by the one of the body and the handle, and wherein the projection is selectively engageable in the first recess to lock the handle in a first pivoted position relative to the body and in the second recess to lock the handle in a second pivoted position relative to the body.

59. (Previously presented) The reciprocating saw as claimed in claim 54, further comprising a switch assembly operable to electrically connect the motor to a power source, at least a portion of the switch assembly being supported on the handle for pivoting movement about the pivot axis with the handle.

60. (Previously presented) The reciprocating saw as claimed in claim 59, further comprising a wiring arrangement electrically connecting the switch assembly to the motor and accommodating pivoting movement of the switch assembly with the handle about the pivot axis and relative to the motor.

61. (Previously presented) The reciprocating saw as claimed in claim 54, further comprising a grip portion provided by the body and engageable by an other hand of the operator, the grip portion being substantially parallel to the pivot axis.

62. (Previously presented) The reciprocating saw as claimed in claim 54, wherein a radial annular projection extends circumferentially around at least a portion of a circumference of one of the rearward end of the body and the handle, wherein another of the rearward end of the body and the handle define a radial annular groove extending circumferentially around at least a portion of a circumference of the other of the rearward end of the body and the handle, the annular projection being engaged with and travelling in the annular groove during pivoting movement of the handle about the pivot axis.

63. (Previously presented) The reciprocating saw as claimed in claim 54, further comprising a pivot-limiting assembly for limiting pivoting movement of the handle relative to the body from a first pivoted position beyond a second pivoted position.

64. (Previously presented) The reciprocating saw as claimed in claim 63, wherein the pivot-limiting assembly includes a first pivot-limiting member supported by one of the handle and the body and a second pivot-limiting member defined by another of the handle and the body, the first pivot-limiting member being engageable with the second pivot-limiting member to prevent movement of the handle relative to the body beyond the second pivoted position.

65. (Previously presented) The reciprocating saw as claimed in claim 63, wherein the pivot-limiting assembly prevents pivoting movement of the handle relative to the body, in a first direction, from the first pivoted position beyond the second pivoted position and, in a second

direction opposite to the first direction, from the first pivoted position beyond the second pivoted position.

66. (Previously presented) The reciprocating saw as claimed in claim 65, wherein the first pivot-limiting member has a first surface engageable with the second pivot-limiting member during pivoting movement in the first direction and a second surface engageable with the second pivot-limiting member during pivoting movement in the second direction.

67. (Previously presented) The reciprocating saw as claimed in claim 66, wherein the first pivot-limiting member is movable between a first limit position, in which the second pivoted position is defined by engagement of the first pivot-limiting member and the second pivot-limiting member, and a second limit position in which the second pivoted position is defined by engagement of the first pivot-limiting member and the second pivot-limiting member.

68. (Previously presented) The reciprocating saw as claimed in claim 67, wherein the first pivot-limit member is pivotable between the first limit position and the second limit position about an axis substantially parallel to the pivot axis.

69. (Currently Amended) A reciprocating saw comprising:

a reciprocatable spindle for supporting a saw blade for reciprocating sawing movement;

a body defining a longitudinal pivot axis and housing a motor and a drive mechanism driven by the motor, the drive mechanism selectively driving the spindle, the body having a forward end supporting the spindle and a rearward end; and

a grip engageable by a hand of an operator, the grip being connected to the rearward end of the body for pivoting movement relative to the body about the pivot axis;

wherein a radial annular projection extends circumferentially around at least a portion of a circumference of one of the rearward end of the body and the grip, and wherein another of the rearward end of the body and the grip define a radial annular groove extending circumferentially around at least a portion of a circumference of the other of the rearward end of the body and the grip, the annular projection being in engaged with and travelling in annular groove during pivoting movement of the grip about the pivot axis.

70. (Previously presented) The reciprocating saw as claimed in claim 69, further comprising a locking assembly for locking the grip in a pivoted position relative to the body.

71. (Previously presented) The reciprocating saw as claimed in claim 69, wherein the grip is a D-shaped handle.

72. (Previously presented) A reciprocating saw comprising:

a reciprocatable spindle for supporting a saw blade for reciprocating sawing movement;

a body defining a longitudinal pivot axis and housing a motor and a drive mechanism driven by the motor, the drive mechanism selectively driving the spindle, the body having a forward end supporting the spindle and a rearward end; and

a grip engageable by a hand of an operator, the grip being connected to the rearward end of the body for pivoting movement relative to the body about the pivot axis.

73. (Previously presented) The reciprocating saw of claim 72, wherein the grip has a first end and a second end and defines a grip axis extending between the first end and the second end, and wherein the grip axis is oriented at a non-parallel angle relative to the pivot axis.

74. (Previously presented) The reciprocating saw of claim 73, wherein the pivot axis and the grip axis define an angle of between thirty degrees and ninety degrees.

75. (Previously presented) The reciprocating saw of claim 73, wherein the grip axis is oriented at a substantially perpendicular angle relative to the pivot axis.

76. (Previously presented) The reciprocating saw as claimed in claim 72, further comprising a locking assembly for locking the grip in a pivoted position relative to the body.

77. (Previously presented) The reciprocating saw as claimed in claim 72, wherein the grip is a D-shaped handle.

78. (Currently Amended) The power tool as claimed in claim 72, further comprising a switch assembly operable to electrically connect the motor to a power source, at least a portion of the switch assembly being supported on the grip for pivoting movement about the pivot axis with the grip.

79. (Previously presented) The power tool as claims in claim 78, further comprising a wiring arrangement electrically connecting the switch assembly to the motor and accommodating pivoting movement of the switch assembly with the grip about the pivot axis and relative to the motor.

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80. (Previously presented) The power tool as claimed in claim 72, wherein the grip is connected to the rearward end of the body for pivoting movement relative to the motor about the pivot axis.

81. (Previously presented) The power tool as claimed in claim 72, wherein the grip is connected to the rearward end of the body for pivoting movement relative to the drive mechanism about the pivot axis.

82-84. (Canceled).